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In preface, let me say that I have no vested interest in either the DOJ or in the stock of Microsoft. My investment has been in my country as a loyal, patriotic, and voting citizen through the decades. Now retired from years in middle and upper management, I have watched the serge of litigious terrorists in the environmental, family, social, civil, and recently political business policy arenas.

Much more in touch now with the pulse of the masses, I can tell you with all confidence that the case against Microsoft has been and continues to be viewed as a contrived liberal attempt to punish the wealthy and redistribute wealth, in this case knowledge, to those companies unable, unwilling, and less dedicated to the pursuit of excellence. It is not the practices of Microsoft that appear to be unfair; rather, it is the manipulation of the government against them that appears sinister and an invasion of pure competition in a capitalistic society. Even a cursory recollection of the tenants of Antitrust Acts show a factitious extension to support the governments case.

Do not expect the American public and business person to agree or respect the prosecution of a company who, has from it's inception, exemplified the American business ethics of creativity, investment, hard work, intensity, comprehensive marketing, and dominating success. From the first trading post in Jamestown to date, those companies who succeed are those who prove themselves to be the best to the buying public. They do not depend on a "big brother" using the peoples money to punish the successful and subsidies the inferior.

Personally, I have always thrived on competition in sports and business and measured results in terms of final score or sales by the rules as they existed during the competition. When the government has to redefine the definition of "antitrust" in order to justify it's position, the ad hoc assault becomes a ludicrous farce in the eyes of all those who have watched and benefited from the software company. The DOJ case seems to depend on what the definition of "is" is. If we apply the same definitions to other companies in other industries, who will be next..... Wal Mart, Coke, Home Depot, GE?

Henry David Thoreau saw the demon of political government litigation when he wrote in 1849, "Policy does not make morality". With all due respect, let the best company(s) win. Regarding your efforts against military and religious terrorists: God's speed for your safety and success and God bless you all. We look forward to the DOJ regaining it's respectability after the embarrassing rein of Ms. Reno, the most unqualified Attorney General in the history of the department.

Sincerely,

Skip Brown

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